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## Pastor's Notes

by Pastor Dan Hansen

"For we know that God works for good in all things..." Romans 8:28



**1) On the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my ordination...** It's hard for me to believe, but June 14<sup>th</sup> will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my ordination. Wow, time flies when you're having fun! It occurs to me that pastoring a church is not unlike raising a family; Certainly a parent brings hopes and dreams and priorities into their parenting, but at the same time "only God knows what tomorrow will bring." Certainly it has been a thrill for me to be part of what God is doing in this congregation and I just pray that we will continue to be open to the "surprises" of the Holy Spirit as we grow in our ministry and outreach.

**2) "On our recent council retreat..."** How we have been blessed! I continue to marvel every year with how God has provided our church with so many wonderful leaders with servant-hearts. Please give outgoing council members Federico Ruiz, John Meier, Sally Beckner and Mike Marshall, a pat on

the back for the wonderful way they served on our council the past 2 years. And now, we welcome Jill Krantz as President, Nancy Passot-Schumacher as Treasurer, Glen Bleeker as Pastoral Care Chair, and Ron Parsons & Dale Jurgensmeyer as Property Co-Chairs. A special thanks to Roger Olsen, who will be finishing out the final year of Jill Krantz's previous Vice President position, and Joel Rothe will be finishing out the final year of Roger Olsen's previous Stewardship Chair position.

At our retreat, we discussed that we have a number of challenges in front of us. One of our biggest challenges will be connecting new members with various ministry opportunities. We can attract all kinds of new members, but if we don't get them "connected" in some way, it's easy to lose them "out the back door."

A second challenge will be to keep our worship fresh and energized in a way that reflects the unique character of our church. "We're not your typical Lutheran church" and consequently we want our worship to reflect the wonderful "blend" of our worshipers, old and new.



A third challenge will be space. This will be an exciting year with the expansion of our education wing which will provide us with 2 youth rooms, a choir rehearsal room, a computer lab, a larger library and several larger meeting rooms for Sunday school and Bible studies. I'm sure it will take some time for us to figure how best to "move" the furniture" and use our new space. A big thank you to all of you for your generous support of our building campaign!

A fourth challenge will be staying open to new "moves" of the Spirit. New people will bring new ministry ideas and opportunities. And just because we maybe tried something a number of years ago, doesn't mean it can't work for us in the future--maybe it just wasn't God's time. Let's stay open-minded with new ideas and ministries.

**3) On our growing Outreach ministry...** This is one of the most exciting areas of our church, in my opinion. Last year from the first 19% of our offerings, we gave away a total of nearly \$107,000; with \$5000 to the Rocky Mtn Synod, and the rest to missionaries, New Beginnings, World Hunger, Martin Luther Home, Sky Ranch, Mission church, Lutheran Family Services, ELCA Special Needs retirement, ELCA International Disaster. Designated Funds were given by members to ELCA Special Needs Retirements, Lutheran World Relief, World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Relief, and missionaries. This year from the first 20% of our offerings, we're budgeting to give away \$131,000. Indeed, we want to remember that we have been blessed to be a blessing!

**4) On our Saturday Evening Worship...** What a blessing this service has become for us as attendance has several times been over 100! Bless you for remembering to worship in the midst of busy weekend schedules!

**5) Our "Seven Last Words of Christ" Lenten theme...** Pastor Bruce, Nanette, Diane and Kris have done an outstanding job of planning an inspirational Lenten season (which begins Ash Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>) with an FCLC written devotional book, weekly preaching topics, discussion questions for our Wednesday Night Soup Suppers, and Lenten dramas for our Wednesday worship services. We hope you'll join us and invite your friends!

**6) On a new "Grief Support" Group...** Pastor Bruce will once again be soon offering a Grief Support Group on Monday evenings, which will meet for a total of six sessions, probably in the Fireside Room. Anyone who has lost a loved one will find this to be a welcome opportunity for support and healing. Please contact the office, 303-776-8771 if interested.

*Your partner in ministry,  
Pastor Dan*



### **FCLC FINANCES**

As of 1/23/06

General Offering YTD	\$ 39,523
Budget YTD	\$ 42,269
Expenses YTD	\$ (17,382)
New Building Giving YTD	\$ 8,662

## Altar Care

PROVIDING ALTAR FLOWERS enhances our worship services and it is also a wonderful way to honor family & friends. At this time, there are many open spots for providing flowers. The Altar Care Committee will order the flowers for you from Longmont Florist for the base price of \$29.60 (this can be enhanced to a larger size), and the committee will deliver the flowers to church on Saturday before the 5:30 pm service. You can also bring arrangements from your own garden or order from the florist of your choice. If you handle your own arrangements, you will need to deliver the flowers to the church on Friday between the hours of 10:00 am - 2:30 pm, or on Saturday before the evening service. (Call the church on Friday to arrange for the Saturday delivery time.) Please check the Flower Chart in the narthex next to the coffee, and sign up for the date(s) of your choice.



# Youth and Family Ministry Happenings and Halleluiahs!!!

## **Sr. High YOUTH GROUP**

**Happening:** February 12, 6:00-7:30pm. We will meet in our new Youth Room!

You won't want to miss this special "ourspace.org" meeting!

February 26, 6-7:30 pm. We will make and eat food from Bible times. Come hungry, and enjoy the fun!

**Halleluiah:** Many thanks to Ashleigh Bruns for leading Youth Group while I was gone!

## **Workcamp**

**Happening:** Fundraisers are started, so stay tuned to email for what you need to do when.

**Halleluiah:** Thanks to Dianna Buckett for writing our plan for the Executive Committee, and to Tom Bilan for heading up the Concession Fund Raisers at CU! We are off to a GREAT start!

**Happening:** Also, don't forget the monthly meetings at 12:30 PM. This month's meeting is Feb 26, Sunday. See you there! If you can't come, BE SURE to check in with either me (Kris) or Sililo so you don't miss important information!

**Halleluiah:** Thanks to Sililo Woo Ching for being such an awesome leader in this effort!!!



## **Diving Deep Sr. High Bible Study**

**Happening:** Diving Deep dates – February 1 and 15, 7:15-8:15 pm.

**Halleluiah:** Jeff Reimenschneider still rocks this Bible Study! Thanks, dude.

## **Godspell and TIM Team**

**Happening:** Godspell! Godspell – Jesters Theater in Longmont is showing Godspell on Sunday evenings, March 5-26. Dinner is at 6:00, with a 7:30 show. Would any of you be interested in going to see this on a youth group night? Perhaps the 12<sup>th</sup>??? Tickets are \$28.95 for dinner and the show, or just the show for \$15 if we get a group of 12-24. (Tickets are cheaper if we get more people.) If this is something you'd like to do, then LET ME KNOW ASAP so I can get some tickets. Feel free to bring parental units, friends, significant others, whatever. Just let me know if the 12<sup>th</sup> works and if you want dinner or just the show.

**Halleluiah:** Thanks to Diane Sell and her leadership of the TIM Team (Teens in Ministry) that does such GREAT dramas for the confirmation classes!

## **Food Collection**

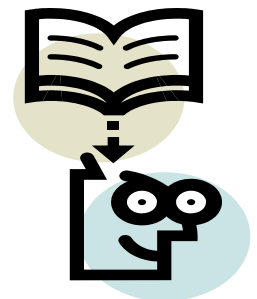
**Happening:** Do you know how many pounds of food were collected by the Middle School Sunday School on Saturday, January 14? An amazing 250 pounds!!!

**Halleluiah:** Many thanks to Terry Schemmel, Rob Hajdas, and Audrey Audley for planning this, and Terry, Dawn Hajdas, Audrey Audley, Mike Brockman, and Mitzi Storaci for helping drive around collecting! Thanks for your support of our youth and work for our community in the name of Jesus!

## **Seminary**

**Happening:** I am back from my J-term Intensive. (Maybe this is more of a "Halleluiah!") I will be gathering folks to talk about what I am learning and what it means for FCLC. If you are interested in hearing more, contact me directly at [kris@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:kris@faithcommunitylutheran.org).

**Halleluiah:** THIS CONGREGATION! I am thankful for your prayers and support for me, Rob, JR, and Maddie as I go through this MA program! You are an exceptional group of God's people.



# “What’s on tap?”

## Thoughts poured from the spout of Kristen Baltrum, Deaconess

I have just returned from my first “J-term Intensive” at Luther Seminary. It was two weeks full of new friendships, new understandings of youth and household ministry, and new insights for Faith Community, new connections across the nation, and, oh, yeah, we read through the entire Bible in just two weeks. So, it was no light “time away” that’s for sure! But it was good, and a kind of good that I want to share.

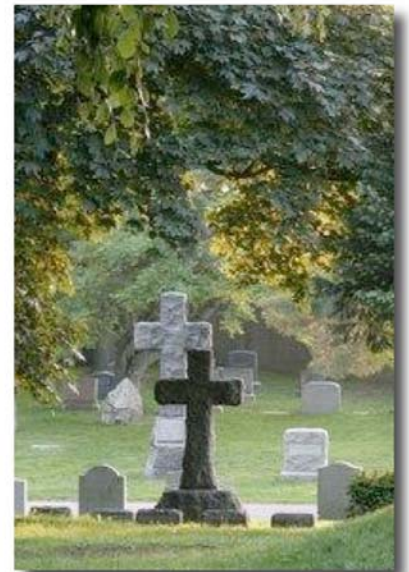
In the next month, I will be gathering a group of people who are willing to listen to what it is I learned about and help me filter what it means for FCLC. For example, one of my classes was “Faith and Mission Practices in Youth Ministry: Retreats.” In this class we wondered about all that goes into a retreat experience and what it is really like during this “time away from home” for young people. We looked at multi-cultural experiences and the power dynamics that are often very real in those settings. We discussed legal matters for ministry and thought through issues of “risk” in working with youth. All of what I learned has direct implications for this congregation. It is important for our ministry together that I am not the only one who has an understanding of some of these things.

I invite any of you who love God, have an interest in young people, and desire this congregation to be faithful in its call to work with Youth and their Households, to be in conversation with me and others like you. I see this being a commitment of a couple of hours at a time, a couple of times a year. This conversation will hold me accountable to my learning, equip you all to be partners in this effort, and help us together discern how we can enhance our already amazing ministry. This invitation is for parents of teens, for parents of little ones, for parents who have already sent their kids off “into the world,” for non-parents who have an interest in young people, and for teenaged people as well! Basically, if you are interested, come! Send me an email at [kris@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:kris@faithcommunitylutheran.org) and I will add you to a contact list that will let you know where and when we will gather.

I appreciate all of the support you have given me so far on this journey. I am sure that God will use our efforts together to do amazing things!

## Pastoral Care

Pastor Bruce will lead a “Grief Support Group” that will begin meeting shortly on Monday evenings for six consecutive weeks. If you are interested or are aware of interested parties outside of FCLC, please contact the church office, or Pastor Bruce (303.776.8771 x13), or Glen Bleeker, Pastoral Care Council Chair, (303) 776-5965.





# FELLOWSHIP NEWS



## Let Us Do the Cooking

Join your fellow FCLC families for Soup Suppers before WNL/ Confirmation or Lenten Services. Soup Suppers begin on March 1st (Ash Wednesday) and continue throughout the season of Lent. Dinner will begin at 5:30 and end at 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for dinner is \$1 for ages 3-13, and \$4 for ages 14-up. We hope to see you there!!

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Holstine or Kaydene Hubert, Fellowship Co-Chairs.

## Coming in March

Get your dancing shoes ready for another wild and crazy night with your fellow FCLC members. Fellowship will be hosting an adult dance on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Mark your calendars now; you won't want to miss out on the fun!! Location and times will be announced soon.



## A HANDY LITTLE CHART

God has a positive answer:

### YOU SAY

"It's impossible"  
 "I'm too tired"  
 "Nobody really loves me"  
 "I can't go on"  
 "I can't figure things out"  
 "I can't do it"  
 "I'm not able"  
 "It's not worth it"  
 "I can't forgive myself"  
 "I can't manage"  
 "I'm afraid"  
 "I'm always worried and frustrated"  
 "I don't have enough faith"  
 "I'm not smart enough"  
 "I feel all alone"

### GOD SAYS

"All things are possible"  
 "I will give you rest"  
 "I love you"  
 "My grace is sufficient"  
 "I will direct your steps"  
 "You can do all things"  
 "I am able"  
 "It will be worth it"  
 "I forgive you"  
 "I will supply all your needs"  
 "I have not given you a spirit of fear"  
 "Cast all your cares on ME"  
 "I've given everyone a measure of faith"  
 "I give you wisdom"  
 "I will never leave you or forsake you"

### BIBLE VERSES

Luke 18:27  
 Matthew 11:28-30  
 John 3:16 & John 3:34  
 II Cor. 12:9 & Psalm 91:15  
 Proverbs 3:5-6  
 Philippians 4:13  
 II Corinthians 9:8  
 Roman 8:28  
 I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1  
 Philippians 4:19  
 II Timothy 1:7  
 I Peter 5:7  
 Romans 12:3  
 I Corinthians 1:30  
 Hebrews 13:5



# VIA DE CRISTO

## C O L O R A D O



"... But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..."

*Ephesians 4:7, 11-12*

Via de Cristo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called a small group of potential leaders; He trained them by word and example and inspired them with a vision; He linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to Him.

Via de Cristo is a renewal movement of the church patterned on Jesus' example. Its purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders. The leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church environment. Leadership, in Via de Cristo, does not mean power over others, but influence on others; all of us need to be aware that we can exert a *positive* influence on those around us.

## What is Via de Cristo?

Literally meaning "way of Christ", Via de Cristo is a short course in Christianity that is designed to provide all Christians with a significant foundation for individual and community spiritual growth. Grace and Growth are combined in an exciting and energetic way. At the Via de Cristo the participants become increasingly aware that they are a part of a community abounding in God's grace. The three days are a triple encounter: with Christ; with Christian brothers and sisters; and with a Christian community.

## History of Via de Cristo

Via de Cristo originated as the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement which began in Spain in 1948 and moved to America in the late 50's. The first Lutheran-sponsored Cursillos (the early name for Via de Cristo) were held in Miami, Florida in 1971. In addition to

the Roman Catholic and Lutheran movements there are similar expressions in the Methodist, Reformed, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christian churches. Today, more than 2 million Christians in 50 nations have attended a "Cursillo" weekend.

## Format of The Weekend

The Via de Cristo weekend is an experience in Christian sharing and living. During the 72-hours, fourteen talks will be presented: Five talks are given by *Lutheran pastors* and nine by lay people. A final talk is given on sponsorship by the lay director. The weekend also includes chapel each morning, communion, small group discussions, sharing, music, singing, laughter, and prayer. The fourteen talks are discussed by the participants and will include a Christian perspective on the following subjects:

- Ideal
- Grace
- Lay People in the Church
- Importance of Study
- A Day in the Life of a Christian
- Apostolic Action
- Obstacles to a Life in Grace
- Christian Actions in the Community

Each of the talks deals with living one's life in God's grace.

## Who Goes To Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo is not designed to convert anyone to Christianity. It is meant for those who are already faithful and committed to Christ and His church. Once again, the goal of Via de Cristo is to encourage Christians in their lives of faith and increase their awareness of grace and service to the Church and the world. During a Via de Cristo weekend, those who have previously attended are called "The Team", and it is their responsibility to serve you in every possible way.

## When is Via de Cristo Held?

Weekends in the Colorado movement are generally held three times per year. Men's and Women's weekends are held in March and November, and

a Co-ed weekend is held during June or July.

## How Can I Attend Via de Cristo?

Contact the church office, or other members of FCLC who have attended, i.e. Pastor Dan & Cindy, Ed & Diane Broestl, Harlan & Janelle Olson, Kirk Olson, Shea Baker, Wayne & Kaydene Hubert, Ella Lien, Margaret Greene, Duane & Pat Sharp, and Jeanette Wittmer to name a few. In total, more than 40+ members from FCLC have attended a VdC weekend.

## What Happens After The Weekend?

The weekend is only a beginning. What you learn and share during the weekend will hopefully be taken back and put into practice in your local congregation and community. You will be supported by many others who have attended a Via de Cristo before or with you. Small groups meet regularly (usually weekly) to affirm one another and to share the Christian life of Grace. These activities inspire, challenge, and encourage Christian action in homes, churches, and communities.

## How Much Does The Weekend Cost?

It is our policy to not charge pilgrims (you) for the weekend. It is a gift from God.

## May I Go with a Spouse or Friend?

Yes, we strongly recommend that spouses and friends attend a first Via de Cristo weekend together. Marriages and friendships can be strengthened and deepened by the Via de Cristo experience. Fall and Spring Colorado weekends are split into all men and all women weekends, with the men going first. Since 2001, there have been co-ed weekends in the summer. Spouses and friends are also encouraged to serve on teams together.

## In Summary

Not everyone who attends a Via de Cristo weekend will receive the same benefit; but all who attend will be blessed, and most will be strengthened in their desire to be a blessing in their churches and Christian communities. [www.ColoradoVdC.org](http://www.ColoradoVdC.org)

## Nursery News

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and I wish you a Blessed New Year. Mine was definitely wonderful. Our daughter is old enough to understand (and fear) Santa Claus now and our son had a blast removing all of the ornaments off of the lower branches of our tree! I know many of you can relate!

As usual, we have been busy in the nursery. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered your time. I know I've said it before, but don't forget how grateful I am to you! Thank you for your donations of diapers, snacks, wipes, and other items as well. We could still use some DVD's for our new TV and DVD player, so if you have any to donate please bring them in! Thank you!



I mentioned in the last newsletter that we were preparing for a few changes in our decor. This is scheduled to begin toward the end of January. Pop in any time after then to see what kinds of things are happening. I think the children will really like the new look that is planned!

I am currently working on the volunteer schedule for January, February and March, so please call me if you can donate your time. We continue to need more volunteers, and would love to have your help! Even if you don't have kids, or are past the baby stage, or are anxiously awaiting grandkids, your time would be precious to us! Call me or email me if you're interested. My contact information is: [mandy@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:mandy@faithcommunitylutheran.org), or 720-652-0891. Thanks, everyone!

## Outreach News

The February monthly focus for Outreach is Sky Ranch and its "Build Up... Send Forth Capital Campaign." FCLC will be supporting the efforts to update the facilities at Sky Ranch so that we can all enjoy the camp for many years to come! For more information, you can visit their website at [www.fortnet.org/skyranch](http://www.fortnet.org/skyranch)



FCLC will be serving lunch at the O.U.R. Center on Saturday, February 25th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. We need 6-8 volunteers to help with this. If you're interested, please contact Tami Musfeldt ([tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net) or 303.494.4036)

The Outreach Committee has a new liaison to Habitat for Humanity. Jeanette Wittmer will be working with FCLC to set up house building work projects. If you're interested in getting involved with Habitat, please contact her at [nohelp@comcast.net](mailto:nohelp@comcast.net).

## Outreach Calendar "Date to Remember"

Saturday, February 25th -- 10am – 2pm: FCLC serving lunch at the O.U.R. Center.



# FCLC Christian Education

Now it may not be on the same scale as the **2006 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony**



*But check out the **Opening Ceremony** for the New Christian Education Wing!*  
**Sunday, February 12**

Each worship service on February 12 will conclude in our beautiful new Christian Education wing. Take a tour! Join the Sunday School children in the kick-off of their multi-cultural missions theme, "Tell the World!" Sample food from around the world made by the 6th grade Confirmation class. Check out a book from the new church library! Join an Adult Bible Class!



**February Christian Education Theme:**  
**Tell the World!**

**Scripture:** Acts 9:19b-31

**Memory Verse:** "The Good News about God's kingdom will be preached in all the world, to every nation." Matthew 24:14

**Objectives:** Kids will learn

- what a missionary is.
  - it takes cooperation to tell others around the world about Jesus.
  - We need to encourage others to believe in Jesus.
- God wants everyone in the world to know about Him.



**Buy your GROCERY CERTIFICATES in February and support Christian Education!**

For every \$10 in grocery certificates purchased, you will receive a **BIBLE BUCK!** No kids to share your bucks? We're sure you can find a child who would LOVE some additional Bible Bucks . . . then again, no one ever said shopping at the Bible Bucks store is just for kids! Next BIBLE BUCKS STORE: March 5, 10:30-11 am in room 103.



Check your church mailboxes on Sunday, February 26, to pick up your 2006 **Lenten Devotional**. Daily devotions written by Faith Community Lutheran

members will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1. This year's Lenten theme: "Cross Words: Seven Sayings of Jesus for Us."

## **Dates to Remember**

**February 2, 7:00 pm** P.O.T.s (Parents of Teens) – **CHANGE OF DATE!**

**February 4, 11, 18, 25, 8:30 am** Fitball exercise and Bible Study. (No previous experience necessary to roll-on-in at any time.)

**February 4, 10 am** Sunday School Workshop Leaders' Training Meeting

**February 5, 9:30-10:30 am** Orientation to FCLC Session #2. Received into membership at 11 am service. Potluck to follow.

**February 12** OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WING

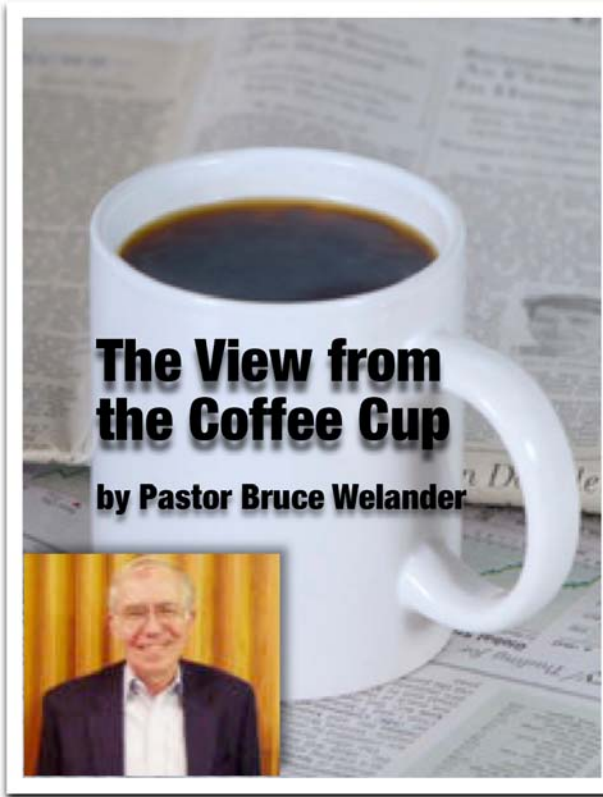
**February 15** Lenten Devotions DUE!

**February 19, 6 pm** Great Dates Couples Bible Study

**February 27, 7 pm** Weavers of the Cloth Crafts/ devotions

**March 5, 10:30-11 am** BIBLE BUCKS STORE is open for business!





"I'm not religious, but I'm spiritual." The chances are you have heard that statement...many times!

This concept of being "spiritual but not religious" nearly always includes a rejection of the Church. It usually involves a kind of inner "spirituality," normally not clearly defined, and sometimes claims to follow what is supposedly common to all religions, without being bound to anything specific, and rarely with any positive reference to the Cross of Christ.

According to a helpful article in a recent edition of First Things magazine, the roots of the spiritual-but-not-religious attitude in America go back at least to Ralph Waldo Emerson, and probably farther back to the early 18th century. So, although "spiritual-but-not-religious" may sound like a contemporary phenomenon, it has been around a long time...in some other parts of the world, at least back to the first century. (That's one reason I love to study history. I learn so many "new" things there!)

At the end of the article that I read, the author suggests a better phrase that Christians can use, namely, "I'm religious, and that includes spiritual." So the next time you hear "spiritual-but-not-religious," perhaps you could try that suggestion. Or maybe it would be gentler to add, "So I think we have some important things in common." Or another approach would be to say that you have heard that phrase a lot but are not sure just what the person means by it. Watch for any hurts he or she may have experienced at a church. Also, see if you can affirm any good things the person says and, if it's the case, indicate that those things are part of Christianity as well. Or perhaps, you can come up with a better approach. The point is to foster conversation and provide a gentle opportunity for a Christian witness. If you try this sometime, I'd love to know what your experience turns out to be.

On another subject entirely... we have decided to postpone our projected trip to Turkey. A number of people who were interested were not able to go this year, so we'll offer the opportunity a year from now instead, when the dates and other conditions should be better. In the meantime, Pastor Keith Prekker of Erie is organizing a group for another kind of Christian travel. Let me quote him here: "Are you interested in a trip to Germany this summer with a group of fellow Lutherans to visit the Luther sites, cruise on the Rhine, see Berlin and Munich, visit the Black Forest and more? If so, please contact Pastor Keith Prekker, [keith@prekker.com](mailto:keith@prekker.com) or 303.828.2267, for more details.

Also, I'll be leading a Grief Support Group, with six sessions on all Monday evenings in February, plus the first two in March, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, each time. Our aim is to deal with grief in a helpful, supportive, healing, Christ-centered way. Just let me know, please, if you would like to attend these sessions.

In Christ's Healing Love,  
Pastor Bruce Welander





## Worship Team Corner!

*"I was glad, when they said to me, let us go to the House of the Lord"*

This past month, Steve Mason, one of our Worship Team Leaders, had an amazing devotion before rehearsal. He shared with us a song by the artist Jeremy Camp that talked about God's faithfulness to us. We often talk in our Christian circles about being faithful to our call, to our churches, to our God. But what about those times when we are so beaten down by life's circumstances, when we don't think we can get out of bed and put one step in front of the other, let alone be faithful to God and his promises? God's faithfulness is a "sure thing" - something that we can always count on. When we enter the House of the Lord, we can rest in that promise that God will never leave us. We can be glad and rejoice knowing that even when we doubt, when we are weary of the journey, God will still be there calling us home.

The song that we will be "learning" as a congregation the month of February is called "I Was Glad." It has a black, spiritual feel to it. "Called from every nation, called from every race, gathered here to Worship, in this holy place....let the roofs and rafters ring." God's faithfulness begins for us at our Baptism and continues on throughout our life. Our response to that faithfulness leads us to the House of the Lord.

I look forward to seeing all of you this month as we worship and dedicate our new education wing. Come and let me know how you think things are going with Worship and music, your input is important to us all. We have much to be thankful for.

Diane Sell  
Worship Team Director

## Women of Faith!

Want to know a secret? We have a new Women's contemporary singing group that has formed called "Women of Faith." They will be singing for the first time on Sunday, February 26th at both services....you won't want to miss this! Put it on your calendar now.

## Lent is Just Around the Corner...

And I am sure by now that you have heard the theme this year is "Cross Words: Seven Sayings of Jesus for Us." Each Wednesday night beginning March 1 (Ash Wednesday), come and listen as we hear each week's theme in a new and fresh way through our Lenten Dramas performed by your friends and family from Faith! We will also be led by a music team in the Holden Evening Prayer service. All services begin at 7:00 pm.

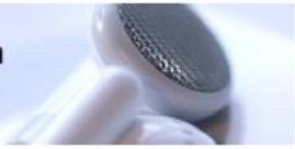
## Drama Opportunities in Worship!

I am working hard to bring more drama opportunities into the worship setting. If you are interested in either writing, or performing, please let me know by contacting me at [diane@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:diane@faithcommunitylutheran.org)



# Did you miss that Sermon?

Put some God in  
your pod.



Or want to hear it again?  
**Faith Community Lutheran is now  
“Podcasting”!!**

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## FCLC Calendar ONLINE!!!

The FCLC Calendar is now continually updated and viewable ONLINE!! Contact Nanette Goings via email, [nanette@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:nanette@faithcommunitylutheran.org), if you have additions or changes to the FCLC calendar. Make sure you check it to know what’s going on at our church!

Go to [www.FaithCommunityLutheran.org](http://www.FaithCommunityLutheran.org), and click on the calendar link on the left, or go straight to this link: <http://my.calendars.net/fclc>



# COUNCIL MINUTES December 13, 2005

## Attendees:

### Officers:

Federico Ruiz, President  
Jill Krantz, Vice President  
John Meier, Treasurer  
Lisa Smith, Secretary

### Ministries:

Rhea Hoops, Education  
Kaydene Hubert, Fellowship  
Marcie Mason, Outreach  
Mike Gwinn, Outreach  
Mike Marshall, Property  
Roger Olsen, Stewardship  
Larry Konicek, Worship & Music  
Jesse Demmel, Youth

### Staff:

Pastor Dan Hansen



**Devotions/Prayer:** Lead by Pastor Dan. Luke 1:26-38 -- "The Birth of Jesus Announced"

**Secretary's Report Approval:** Roger moved to approve the minutes. Mike G. seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Still a small surplus and could end up being more due to year end gifts. Endowment balance is at \$312,258. Proposal can be made to the Endowment Committee to request funds. A total of up to 5% every year can be used from this fund for new or extensions of projects and programs. Jesse moved to approve the treasurer's report and Marcie seconded. Unanimously approved.

## Brief Update from Each Ministry:

### Education—Rhea Hoops

Painting tiles on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
Also, writing prayers on the floor of the new addition.

### Fellowship—Kaydene Hubert

Kitchen is done.  
Dinner theatre went well.

### Outreach—Mike Gwinn

Christmas offering will go to a Lutheran church in Chowmet (New Orleans), Louisiana. It will aid the church in getting back on its feet.  
Planning to help the El Paso church next year (2006)  
Thrivent money will be used to help with the New Orleans Christmas trip.

### Pastoral Care—Marcie Mason for Sally Beckner

- No new information to report

### Property—Mike Marshall

Dale Jurgensmeyer will be co-chairing with Ron Parsons  
The addition will be ready to paint in late January

### Stewardship—Roger Olsen

Current tally – 130 cards - \$400,000 general fund and \$170,000 building fund

### Worship & Music—Larry Konicek

Temporary plan – to put a monitor on a cart for Christmas services  
Diane is setting up for Christmas Eve services

Altar Care group came to the meeting tonight.  
They are filling an area of ministry that has not been filled before.

### Youth—Jesse Demmel

Focusing on a direction to take Youth Ministry  
There is a push from youth for a New Orleans work camp.  
Still scheduled for the Lead, SD work camp.

## New Business:

Received a request from Pastor Jose Lopez for their congregation, Rivers of Living Water, to use the church facilities. Dan stated we have tried to connect with the Latino community and this would be a great connection for our church. John M. suggested instead of having them pay rent, to have them use that money for Outreach services. The current request is for Tuesday night, Thursday night and Sunday night/late afternoon. It was suggested to set a 6 month window and then re-visit to see if any changes need to be made.

Dan made a motion to enter into a ministry relationship with the Rivers of Living Water congregation and to limited use of FCLC facilities for a 6 month trial basis. Guidelines will need to be set up. Mike G. seconded. Unanimously approved.

Membership Renewal – bright colored cards will be mailed out at the end of December. It is a "spiritual pledge drive." Members are requested to return these cards in January during a service. Federico will be meeting with Kirk Olson to keep the web site updated.

**Old Business:**

Retreat is January 20-21, 2006. Dan handed out the itinerary.

Annual Meeting – January 8, 2006 9:05am

Roger moved to adjourn the meeting, Jill seconded.

**Reminders:**

- † Newsletter items must be submitted to Janelle by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- † Please remember to take the lead in praying for your respective ministry at our worship services.
- † Retreat January 20 & 21

**Announcements/Communication items:**

† None at this time.

**Information:**

† Council e-mail is  
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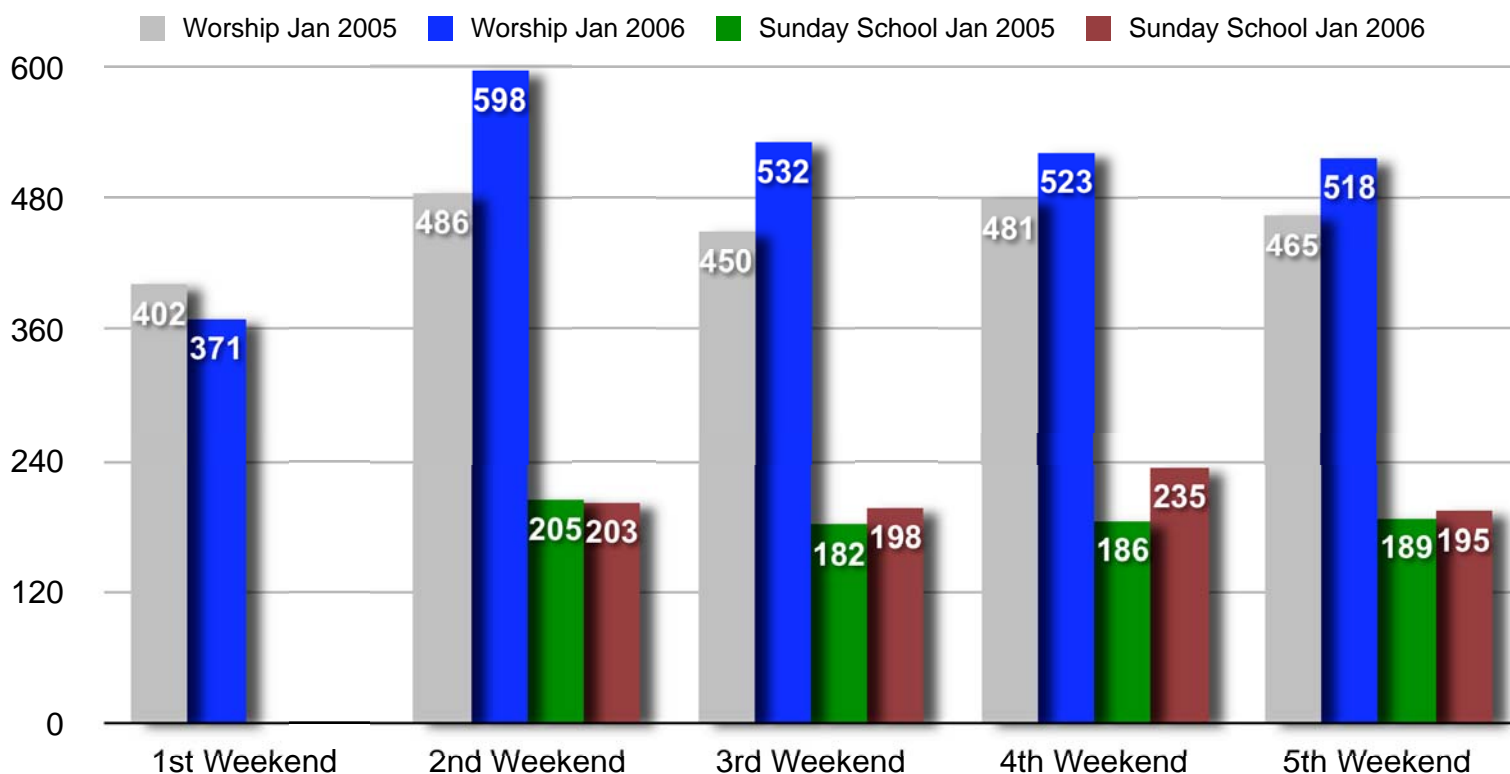
**DEVOTIONS**

JANUARY:  
 FEBRUARY:  
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PRESIDENT  
 PASTORAL

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**Growing at FCLC - Worship & Sunday School Attendance**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

02/01 Linda Blackwell  
 02/01 Renee Goertz  
 02/01 Alan Jordan  
 02/02 Dianne Prout  
 02/02 Sally Beckner  
 02/02 Terry Schemmel  
 02/02 Pamela Bowman  
 02/02 Sarah Demmel  
 02/03 Blair Wacha  
 02/04 Robert Simpson  
 02/04 Wendy Kerr  
 02/04 Connie Schumacher  
 02/04 Mary Cotton  
 02/05 Roger Martinez  
 02/05 Kirsten Simpson  
 02/06 Nadine Heidt  
 02/06 Bill McDermid  
 02/06 Korey Patterson  
 02/07 Sililo WooChing  
 02/07 Sarah Gostenik  
 02/07 Jamie Vigil  
 02/07 Owen George  
 02/07 Ashton Hubert  
 02/09 Lloyd Heller  
 02/10 Adam Lewis  
 02/10 Mitchell Parsons  
 02/10 Jeremy Rister  
 02/11 Jennifer Major  
 02/11 Erik West  
 02/11 Matthew Bendzel  
 02/12 Lorna Ott  
 02/13 Harlan Olson  
 02/14 Larry Polsdofer  
 02/14 Ryan Chaney  
 02/15 Laura Carver  
 02/15 Stephani Vaughn  
 02/16 Katie Carver  
 02/16 Kendall Storaci  
 02/17 Barbara Van Winkle

02/17 Rhea Hoops  
 02/17 Heather Gomez  
 02/17 Morgan Wacha  
 02/17 Blake Fushi  
 02/17 Mehelan Bowman  
 02/18 Pam Schaal  
 02/18 Wade Fott  
 02/19 Charlotte Nelson  
 02/19 Marvin Heimbichner  
 02/19 Kristi Bilan  
 02/19 Braden Wormke  
 02/20 Marcie Mason  
 02/20 Michael Sell  
 02/21 Teri Hassa  
 02/21 Mike Krantz  
 02/22 Dale Nehls  
 02/22 Jill Konicek  
 02/22 MacKenzie Demmel  
 02/23 Al Parker  
 02/23 Jenny Wright  
 02/23 Peggy Brossman  
 02/23 Paul James  
 02/23 Rob Ney  
 02/23 Sarah Droeger  
 02/23 Nikolas Olson  
 02/23 Keegan Gomez  
 02/24 Tyger Penson  
 02/24 CC Rinehart  
 02/26 Erika Snyder  
 02/26 Michelle Kramer  
 02/26 Shane Brockman  
 02/26 Jordan Lubovich  
 02/26 Milton Meyers  
 02/27 John Benson  
 02/27 Samantha Vaughn  
 02/27 Natalie Benson  
 02/27 Jennifer Walder  
 02/27 Ben Walder  
 02/28 Craig Cogdill

## Happy Anniversary!!



02/03 Blair & Diane Pugh-Wacha  
 02/10 Robert & Natalie Boggess  
 02/11 Dennis & Cheryl Fishburn  
 02/11 Korey & Melanie Patterson  
 02/12 Todd & Tyger Penson  
 02/16 Neal & Laura Carver  
 02/18 Shaun & Lisa McMikle  
 02/18 Paul & Cynthia Noble  
 02/22 Marvin & Joyce Heimbichner  
 02/23 Greg & Joyce Kotula  
 02/26 Samuel F. & June Faulkner





## Mission Verse:

God's Spirit is on me:  
He chose me to preach the  
Message of Good News to the  
poor, Sent me to announce  
pardon of prisoners and  
recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set the burdened and  
battered free, to announce,  
"This is God's year to act!"  
*Luke 4:18-19*

## Our Vision:

In each of us burns a flame  
so we gather in faith and  
hope to reach out in love.



## Our Core Values:

To "Reach Out in Love"  
as a church that is:

- \* Bible Centered
- \* Prayer Centered
- \* "Blended" Inspirational  
Worship
- \* Kid Friendly
- \* Visitor Friendly
- \* Model of the Priesthood of  
Believers
- \* Model of First Fruits Giving  
(to various outreach projects)

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